ACE Functionality Priorities Planned for 2013

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is working on system priorities for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for 2013. These priorities are part of an Agile Development process; CBP is working to convert its development efforts for the completion of the remaining core ACE functionality in approximately three years. Agile development is a software development methodology which enables the design, development and delivery of system capabilities in an iterative and incremental way. As a result, CBP development teams will be able to produce and deploy smaller, more-frequent releases of functionality and build upon existing processes already in ACE. The area of focus for the current developmental work include: Automated Corrections/Deletions; the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set; and the first phase of Initial Entry Summary edits. Additionally, CBP is continuing to work on the re-engineering of the legacy Automated Export System (AES).

Simplified Entry is the first phase of Cargo Release in ACE. The Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot began on May 29, 2012. Automated Corrections/Deletions is yet another component of ACE Cargo Release and Simplified Entry which will allow entry filers to update or cancel existing cargo information electronically transmitted for Cargo Release/Simplified Entries already on file in ACE. CBP will either accept or deny the changes.

The PGA Message Set is part of three International Trade Data System (ITDS) initiatives; which require the collection, sharing, and processing of electronic cargo data between CBP and other Federal Agencies, involved in the import and export of cargo. Development of the PGA Message Set is expected to begin in early 2013, and will provide the Trade Community with a 'single automated window' for electronic data submission to Federal Agencies involved in the import review and release process.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is enhancing ACE Entry Summary capabilities to include initial entry summary edits. Currently, ACE Entry Summary participants can file Consumption, Antidumping/Countervailing (AD/CVD) and Informal entries (types 01, 03, and 11.) The development of the initial entry summary edits will begin with Harbor Maintenance Fee (HMF) in early 2013 and will then move on to other validations.

 As of November 2012, CBP has begun re-engineering the legacy Automated Export System (AES) with the collaboration of the U.S. Census Bureau, other PGAs and the Trade Community.

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CBP is planning to migrate AES from the current mainframe system over to ACE, creating a single automated export processing platform for all export manifest, commodity, export control and licensing, and export targeting transactions. The re-engineered system is expected to maintain existing legacy AES capabilities and to provide for anticipated Census Bureau regulatory changes to include Option 3 filing functionality. CBP anticipates the development completion of the re-engineered AES export commodity filings by September 2013.

2012 ACE Milestones
CBP reached several ACE milestones in 2012. A summary of these accomplishments are:

* In January 2012, there were 63 authorized ACE Entry filers. 5.78% of all 01, 03 and 11 entry types were submitted in ACE; In December, there were 111 authorized ACE Entry filers. The percent of ACE entry summaries filed jumped to 21.4% of all eligible entry types.
* Cargo Release/Simplified Entries can now be filed at 16 major airports. 20 participants are approved to participate in the Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot.
* Between May 29 and December 31, 2012, more than 41,000 Cargo Release/Simplified Entries were filed in ACE for more than 650 importers of record.
* Document image capability was added to the Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot allowing participants to submit entry documents supporting their Cargo Release/Simplified Entries via email.
* CBP added the capability for Ocean Carriers to submit their export manifests via the Document Image System (DIS).

Recent ACE Updates
Please note you may need to copy and paste the URLs shown below into your internet browser.

Updated ACE Resource Contact Guide
CBP has recently updated the ACE Resource Contact Guide to assist you in identifying the appropriate e-mail address or phone number for your question(s). Please use the URL below to access the information:
http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/ace_resource_guide.ctt/ace_resource_guide.pdf

Remote Location Filing Available for ACE AD/CVD Entry Type 03
Effective October 22, 2012, ACE Entry Summary filers were able to begin transmitting Entry Summaries, certified for cargo release, for Entry Type 03 (Antidumping/Countervailing Duty) using Remote Location Filing.

Updated ACEopedia Available
On January 8, 2013, CBP posted an updated version of the "ACEopedia" to CBP.gov. The "ACEopedia" contains resourceful information about (ACE) and provides details about current existing ACE functionality. Please visit our website today to download your copy. http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/whats_new/

ACE Portal Application Mailing Address Change
CBP would like to inform Trade Community members of a change in the mailing address for the ACE Application. Trade participants that are unable to electronically submit their ACE Application form should now mail the application to the following address:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Attn: Beauregard Building
7681 Boston Blvd., Room A-306-4
Springfield, VA 20598

ACE Portal Support Email Address Change
CBP has established a new email address for questions or inquiries on your ACE Portal Application or your ACE Portal account. The new email address is: ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov .

Please use this address when inquiring about specific portal functionality or opening trouble tickets with the CBP Technology Service Desk. This email address is for ACE portal issues only.

Updates to Cargo Release/Simplified Entry Information
CBP has recently updated the information for Cargo Release/Simplified Entry. A new overview presentation, fact sheet and update policy are available on CBP.gov. Please use the URL below to access the information:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_transformation/simplified_entry/

Reminders of the Month

Attention Truck Carriers
CBP would like to remind all Truck carriers to update license plate changes in ACE and with the Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System (DTOPS) to avoid delays at the border. If a conveyance is registered with an active transponder in DTOPS, the changes made in DTOPS will automatically transfer over into ACE. For inactive transponders, please confirm that DTOPS has deactivated your conveyance record before attempting to make changes in ACE.

Revoking User Access
CBP would like to remind all Trade Account Owners and Proxy Trade Account Owners of the need to revoke user access privileges when someone leaves your company. Failure to revoke access privileges could result in the user accessing your account information as an employee of another company.

To revoke a user's access follow the steps below:
1. Select the **Tools** tab.
2. Select **User Access**.
3. Your list of users displays. Select the user's last name link in the "*Last Name*" column. (If your list of users is lengthy, you will want to search for the user.)
4. A screen displays showing the user's Top Account(s). If the user has access to more than one Top Account, you will be required to select the Top Account where access should be revoked.
5. Select the **Select and Continue** button.
6. The User Access portlet displays with this user's details. Select the **Continue** button.
7. The User Access portlet displays with the manage user options. Select the **Revoke Access** button.
8. Select the **OK** button to confirm.

Your Questions:

What do I do when I receive the Forbidden error and it states "This account is not accessible over the internet?"

When this error message occurs, the Trade Account Owner (TAO) will need to revoke the user ID from the existing ACE Portal account. Once the user is removed from the account, the TAO will need to re-add the user ID back into the account, as an existing user with all the necessary access privileges. A new user account may be created as well.

How far back is the data in "Multi-Modal Manifests" reports available?

Data records found in "BOL," "In-bond," and "Manifest Equipment" reports are refreshed nightly and contain data for the last 27 months. Reports inside the "Trade Reporting" sub-folder are refreshed every 2 hours and will contain data created or amended within the past 30 days.

Can I find FIRMS codes in ACE?

Yes, you can find FIRMS codes in ACE. You will need to run the "MMM 6003 Public FIRMS" report inside the ACE Reporting Tool. This report is located in "Public Folders," and under the "Reference" sub-folder. A user may query or filter this report by: Firms Code, Facility Name, District Port Code, or Facility Type.